

10/500997

DT Rec'd PCT/PTO 07 JUL 2004

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appl. No. : (U.S. National Phase Appln.
based on PCT/JP03/00571)

Applicant : Gou YOSHINO et al

Filed : Concomitantly herewith

For : PROCESS FOR PRODUCING
2,4'-DIHYDROXYDIPHENYL-
SULFONE....

Docket No. : 04447/HG

Customer No.: 01933

Express Mail Mailing Label
No.: EV 443 205 373 US
Date of Deposit: July 7, 2004

I hereby certify that this paper is being
deposited with the United States Postal
Service "Express Mail Post Office to
Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the
date indicated above and is addressed to
the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450,
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Lori Valdes

Lori Valdes

In the event that this Paper is late filed,
and the necessary petition for extension of
time is not filed concurrently herewith,
please consider this as a Petition for the
requisite extension of time, and to the
extent not tendered by check attached
hereto, authorization to charge the
extension fee, or any other fee
required in connection with this Paper
to Account No. 06-1378.

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
FILED CONCOMITANT WITH APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

S I R :

A copy of each of the publications identified in the
enclosed Form PTO/SB/08A is enclosed herewith.

The enclosed English language International Search Report in
PCT/JP03/00571 identifies JP 10-139756 A, EP 627415 A1,
USP 5,399,772 A and JP 10-25277 A (which is also identified and
discussed on page 2 of the present specification). The remaining
publications identified in the enclosed Form PTO/SB/08A are also
identified and discussed in the present specification.

It is requested that said publications be considered and
that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO/SB/08A with the Examiner's

initials in the left column be returned to the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,


16 _____
HERBERT GOODMAN
Reg. No. 17,081

Frishauf, Holtz, Goodman
& Chick, P.C.
767 Third Ave., 25th floor
New York, NY 10017-2023
Telephone: (212) 319-4900
Facsimile: (212) 319-5101

HG/lpv
Encs.: Form PTO/SB/08A and publications identified thereon;
International Search Report

Please type a plus sign (+) inside this box → +

10/500997
DT15 Rec'd PCT/PTO/SB/03A 07 JUL 2004

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Substitute for Form 1449A/PTO INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT		Application Number		(U.S. National Phase Appln. based on PCT/JP03/020571)
		Filing Date		Concomitantly herewith
		First Named Inventor		Gou YOSHINO et al
		Group Art Unit		
		Examiner Name		
Sheet	1	of	1	Attorney Docket Number

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Exam. Inits*	Cite No ¹	Document Number	Kind Code ²	Name of Patentee or Applicant	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Relevant Portion
		5,399,772 5,767,318		HOSODA et al HOSODA et al	03-21-1995 06-16-1998	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Exam. Inits*	Cite No ¹	Offc ³	Document Number ⁴	Kind Code ⁵	Name of Patentee or Applicant	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Relevant Portion	T ⁶
		JP	10-139756	A	KONISHI KAGAKU	05-26-1998		* ¹
		JP	10-25277	A	KONISHI KAGAKU	01-27-1998		* ¹
		EP	0627415	A1	NICCA CHEMICAL	12-07-1994		
		JP	57-77667	A	TOKAI DENKA	05-15-1982		* ¹
		JP	9-40635	A	NIKKA CHEM CO	02-10-1997		* ¹
		JP	50-106936			08-22-1975		* ²
			* ¹ English language Abstract only					
			* ² English language Outline only					

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
-----------------------	--	--------------------	--

* EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Unique citation designation number. ² See kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶ Place a check here if English translation is attached.

DATE MAILED: July 7, 2004